

Regular meeting of the City Council  
Austin Tex Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

Hon J. W. Robertson President of the Council Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Sutor Hancock  
Wills Campbell Dickie Crooker Adell Carrington  
& S. Robertson Hill Plath Ervin Bush and Bruner.

absent aldermen Pillow Schubert Underhill & Wade

On motion the reading of the minutes of <sup>January</sup> ~~the~~ 21 1883  
was postponed

alderman Adell presented a petition from  
A & Emanuel asking the Council to remit a  
fine of \$9<sup>00</sup> imposed against him in the recorder's  
Court. Referred to the Police Committee

The reports of the City assessor and Collector  
City Treasurer and City Clerk was read and referred  
to the Finance Committee

The report of the City Physician was read  
and referred to the Hospital Committee

The report of the City Sexton for Jan 1884 was read  
and referred to the Cemetery Committee

The report of the City Marshal for Jan 1884 was  
read and referred to the Police committee

Fines assessed in the <sup>Recorder's</sup> ~~Mayor's~~ Court for  
January 1884 \$1777<sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub> collection in cash \$744<sup>85</sup>/<sub>100</sub> fines  
worked out \$109.70

The Street Committee submitted the following  
report on the petition of W. H. Kirbaugh  
To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Gentlemen

Your committee to whom was referred the  
petition of W. H. Kirbaugh asking permission to  
place a fence around some forest trees which  
are in the street and for the purpose of preserving

the same from injury by stock or other cause would most respectfully by leave to report that we have duly considered the same and and recommend that the petition be granted

R Platt Chairman  
Jno. W. Driskill

On motion of Alderman Hancock the report of the street committee was adopted with the following amendment That the Petition be granted upon the condition that the City shall at any time in the future have the right to cause the owner of said lots to remove the said walls and other obstructions

The following report was received from the street Committee on a petition asking for street improvements on West Blanca and Hickory Streets

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen

Your committee to whom was referred the within petition asking for an appropriation of \$500<sup>00</sup> to be expended on West Blanca and Hickory street after duly considering the same by leave to report that the appropriation of \$500. for improvements on the streets, which can be used for that purpose asked for in the petition we would therefore recommend that the petition be not granted as prayed for

R Platt Chairman  
Jno W Driskill

The report of the Committee was adopted

The following Report was received from the street Committee on the Petition of Citizens asking for improvements on Lavaca street. (adopted)  
To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ward asking for improvements on the streets in said wards would most respectfully report that we have instructed the City Engineer to make the needed repairs as prayed for in the petition Respectfully R. Platt Chairman  
Jno W Driskill

Alderman Platt. submitted the following report  
on naming the street in the City

To the Hon Mayor and Board of  
Alderman

Gentlemen

The undersigned street committee  
to whom was referred the matter of naming such  
street in the City as were not named would beg  
leave to report that we have attended to that duty  
and respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance  
and recommend that the same be passed by your  
Honorable Body

Respectfully

P. Platt

Chairman of Street Committee

The report was adopted and the ordinance accompanying  
ing the report was ordered published

The Police committee was granted further  
time in which to report on papers referred to them

Alderman Crooker. submitted the following  
report. for the Hospital committee

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of  
Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

Your Hospital Committee would  
recommend that the proper committee be author-  
ized to advertise for bids for filling the prescriptions  
for the ensuing two years with authority to  
let to the lowest responsible bidder. We would  
also recommend that the City Engineer be author-  
ized to make plans and specifications also  
an estimate of cost for building a post house  
across the river on the property belonging to  
the City and report the same to the Council at  
the next regular meeting

Crooker for Committee

On motion of Alderman Hancock the Clerk was  
instructed to furnish the City Marshal with a copy  
of the report of the water and gas Committee in  
regard to the removal of a hydrant on the corner  
of Pecan and Colorado streets used by the street sprink-  
ler. That the Marshal see the proper authorities and have  
the provisions of the report carried out

An ordinance regulating the Proceeding in the Recorder Court of the City of Austin was called up and read second time

The motion to read the ordinance by sections for information was adopted and the following amendment were made

Alderman Campbell, moved to amend section second by striking out the words City Clerk and insert in stead Recorder. Amendment adopted

Alderman Crooker moved to amend section 3<sup>d</sup>. by striking out in fine first the words City Clerk and insert in stead the word recorder.

Amendment adopted.

Alderman Hancock moved to further amend section 3<sup>d</sup>. by striking out all after the word to be signed by the Recorder.

Amendment adopted.

Alderman Platt moved to strike out section 4<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Hill offered the following amendment to the motion of Alderman Platt.

To amend section 4<sup>th</sup> as follows. strike out all after the word fine and insert in lieu thereof the words, as in other cases of contempt

Amendment adopted.

Alderman Crooker moved to strike out section 5. motion lost

Section five was amended by striking out all after the words "liable to a fine for contempt of court"

Section 6. was adopted

Section 7<sup>th</sup>. was amended by adding to after the words "shall be collected" the words as in other courts.

Alderman Hill moved to amend section 8 by inserting after the words "approved by the City Marshal, the words" or recorder.

amendment adopted.

Section 9 was adopted.

Alderman Hill moved to amend section 10 by striking out the words City Clerk and insert instead the word Recorder.

amendment adopted.

Section 11 was amended by striking out, all after the words "and punished by a fine" and insert instead the words "as provided by law"

The motion to strike out section 12 was adopted.

Section 13. was changed to section 12.

Section 14 was changed to section 13.

The motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading was lost.

Alderman Hancock called up a Resolution introduced Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 employing H B Barnhart as attorney in the case of C. D. Johns against the City and appropriating \$500 as attorney fees and directing said Barnhart to prosecute the appeal of said case to the supreme Court.

The Resolution was read second time and then read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote

Ayes Aldermen Schneider Tutor Hancock Wells Campbell J W Robertson Dickell Crooker Odell Carrington G L Robertson Hill Platt Ervin Brush and Bunnell

The Finance Committee introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4547.<sup>95</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for the pay roll for January 1884 and for expenses of the Fire Department for Nov and Dec 1883.

The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Ayes Alderman. Schneider Tutor Hancock Wells Campbell J W Robertson, Crooker Odell Carrington G L Robertson Hill Platt Ervin Brush and Bunnell

Alderman Crooker introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. for the purchase of Iron water troughs for the use of the City

The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules and then went over.

His honor Presented the resignation of H B Kinney, Jr. as a regular police officer of the City. The resignation was accepted by the Council to take effect from its date December 24<sup>th</sup> 1883

The following resolution was introduced and adopted

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin

That the street committee be and they are hereby directed to request the Capitol Board of the State of Texas to repair and place in good order the sidewalk on the west side of the Capitol grounds.

Alderman Brunnen introduced an ordinance prohibiting opium dens and opium joints, and to punish the owners, proprietors, or persons in charge of or visiting the same. The ordinance was read and then referred to the ordinance Committee

Alderman Wells introduced a Resolution directing the Street Committee and City Engineer to expend out of the \$10000 appropriated \$2000 for repairs on West ash and Mulberry Streets the Resolution was lost

Alderman Brush introduced the following resolution which was adopted

whereas it has been currently reported that certain statements have been made in the City of New York which have a tendency to impair and injure the credit and financial standing of the City of Austin and retard the sale of the bonds of the said City of Austin now on the market in the City of New York

Therefore be it Resolved by the City Council of Austin that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby directed to inquire into the nature and extent of such statements and to ascertain if practicable the source from which they emanate and to report the result of such investigation to the City Council at its next meeting to the end that the Council may take the necessary steps to contradict in an official manner any and all such damaging statements and Reports.

Alderman G. L. Robertson introduced

the following Resolution which was adopted  
 Resolved That the Finance Committee  
 of the City Council be requested to report to the  
 City Council at its next regular meeting as follows

1. The amount of the present bonded debt of the  
 City of Austin
- 2<sup>d</sup>. The date, rate of interest, time of payment, and  
 number of each bond now outstanding
- 3<sup>d</sup>. The number, amount and date of all bonds  
 issued under the funding ordinance passed  
 about 1881 the agent selling the same, and to  
 what account the proceeds have been applied
- 4<sup>th</sup>. The number, amount and date of bonds issued  
 under the amended Charter since August 1883  
 and to what account the proceeds have been  
 applied
- 5<sup>th</sup>. What Bonds if any of the City are now being  
 offered for sale, and under what ordinance  
 the same are authorized

Alderman Erving introduced an ordinance  
 providing that the owners of all property fronting  
 on Ocean street between Sabine and Naches Streets  
 shall grade and pave the side walks in front of  
 their property

The ordinance was read second time  
 under suspension of the rules.

Section 4<sup>a</sup> was then amended by inserting  
 after the word "said sidewalks shall be constructed  
 of." the words: cement or.

The ordinance was then read third time under  
 suspension of the rules, and passed by a two third  
 vote

Alderman Ervin introduced an ordinance  
 providing that the City Sexton shall receive such  
 fees of office, as are now provided for by ordinance

The ordinance was read second and third  
 time under suspension of the rules and passed  
 unanimously.

On motion the Council adjourned

Thomas L. Russell  
 City Clerk